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In re Application of: REICHARD et al.

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For: COMPOSITE PANEL ADAPTED FOR POINT COMPRESSIVE LOADS AND METHOD
FOR MAKING SAME

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1 through 21.

Please add the following new claims 21 through 36 in place of elected claims 13-18 that have now been canceled:

1 21. A method of forming high strength panels suitable for use in applications
2 requiring a capability to withstand point compression loading without deformation,
3 comprising the steps of:
4 positioning a first fabric layer spaced from a second fabric layer to form
5 opposing panel surfaces;
6 fixing a foam core between at least a portion of said fabric layers to form said
7 panel;